

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amedment filed 01/05/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6 and 8-21.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-6 and 8-21 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
 - a. With respect to claim 1, the claim has been found allowable over the prior art of record because the prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest an image forming apparatus comprising a control unit for controlling a plurality of driving units to drive said plurality of image carriers under feed-forward control and feed-back control; the control unit controlling said plurality of driving units according to a correction information, wherein the correction information used for the feed-forward control is different depending on a kind of image in combination with the remaining limitations of the claim.
 - b. With respect to claims 2-5, the claims have been allowed due to their dependency on claim 1 above.
 - c. With respect to claim 6, the claim has been found allowable over the prior art of record because the prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest an image forming apparatus comprising a control unit for controlling said driving unit to drive said intermediate transfer body under a feed-forward control and feed-back control; the control unit controlling said driving unit according to a correction information, wherein the correction information used for the feed-forward control is different depending on a kind of image in combination with the remaining limitations of the claim.

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- d. With respect to claims 8-10, the claims have been allowed due to their dependency on claim 6 above.
- e. With respect to claim 11, the claim has been found allowable over the prior art of record because the prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest a method for operating a color image forming apparatus comprising the steps of controlling the speed of each image carrier under a feed-forward control and feed-back control based on the read correction information, wherein the correction information used for the feed-forward control is different depending upon the kind of image in combination with the remaining limitations of the claim.
- f. With respect to claims 12-19, the claims have been allowed due to their dependency on claims 1 and 11 above.
- g. With respect to claim 20, the claim has been found allowable over the prior art of record because the prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest a method for operating a color image forming apparatus comprising the steps of controlling the rotational speed of each image carrier based on the read correction information under a feed-forward control and a feed-back control, wherein feed-forward control is carried out for a full color image and feed-back control is carried out for a mono-chrome image or a uni-color image in combination with the remaining limitations of the claim.
- h. With respect to claim 21, the claim has been allowed due to its dependency on claim 20 above.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

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fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

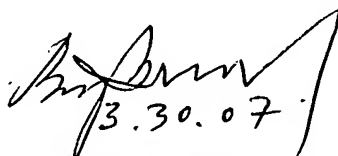
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dixomara Vargas whose telephone number is (571) 272-2252. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday from 8:00 am. to 4:30 pm..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Diego Gutierrez can be reached on (571) 272-2245. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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